

REGULAR MEETING  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF RUMSON  
November 12, 2019

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held in the Charles S. Callman Courtroom of Borough Hall on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Hemphill, Council President Atwell, Councilmen Casazza, Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

Absent: None.

Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

Martin M. Barger, Borough Attorney, was present.

David Marks, Borough Engineer, was present.

Mayor Hemphill declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by the posting and mailing of a schedule of all regular and work meetings of the Borough Council for the year 2019 to the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Two River Times*.

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Casazza, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members. All in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

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**LETTER RECEIVED FROM JACK PRYOR, PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT FOR AQUA-TERRA ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. ADVISING OF AN NJDEP WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SUBMISSION. PROPERTY LOCATION IS BLOCK 65, LOT 1 (21 HIGHLAND AVENUE).**

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The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a letter from Jack Pryor, Principal Environmental Consultant for Aqua-Terra Environmental, Inc. advising of an NJDEP Waterfront Development Permit application. Along with the letter, copies of supporting documentation were included. The location of this property is Block 65, Lot 1 (21 Highland Avenue).

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Council President Atwell, this communication was ordered received. All in favor.

**LETTER RECEIVED FROM PATRICK R. WARD, PE, PP OF INSITE ENGINEERING, LLC ADVISING OF AN NJDEP CAFRA PERMIT SUBMISSION. PROPERTY LOCATION IS BLOCK 137, LOT 14.02 (10 WARREN STREET).**

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The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a letter from Patrick R. Ward, PE, PP of Insite Engineering, LLC advising of an NJDEP CAFRA Permit application. This is an application proposing to construct a retaining wall, paver patio and the addition of a garage. Along with the letter, copies of supporting documentation were included. The location of this property is Block 137, Lot 14.02 (10 Warren Street).

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Casazza, this communication was ordered received. All in favor.

**LETTER FROM AMY S. GREENE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC. ADVISING OF PERMIT SUBMISSION FOR NJDEP FRESHWATER WETLANDS**

**GENERAL PERMITS #10B, #11, AND #17 AND A CAFRA/WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT INDIVIDUAL PERMIT. THESE PERMITS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE MONMOUTH COUNTY BRIDGE S-32 CR 520 (RUMSON ROAD) OVER SHREWSBURY RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**

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The Municipal Clerk/Administrator received a letter from Amy S. Greene Environmental Consultants, Inc. advising of application submissions for NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands General Permits #10B, #11, and #17 and a CAFRA/Waterfront Development Individual Permit. These permits are requested for the Monmouth County Bridge S-32 CR 520 (Rumson Road) over Shrewsbury River Bridge Replacement Project and the applicant listed is Monmouth County Division of Engineering. Supporting documentation was included with the letter advising of application submission.

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Council President Atwell, this communication was ordered received. All in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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**RESOLUTION 2019-1112-119 APPOINTING WINTER RECREATION/BASKETBALL DOOR MONITORS FOR THE 2019-2020 SEASON.**

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**2019-1112-119**

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission is need of Door Monitors for the Recreation Basketball games at Forrestdale School scheduled for the 2019-2020 season held on weeknights and Saturdays from November until March; and

WHEREAS, Tricia Zifchak, Trischele Petach, Mary Graves and Mary Dassler have applied and qualified for the Door Monitor positions; and

WHEREAS, Recreation Director Kevin Delia has recommended that the Borough hire the Door Monitors on a part-time, as needed basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Tricia Zifchak, Trischele Petach, Mary Graves and Mary Dassler be hired effective November 12, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hours worked; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and Payroll Clerk.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Casazza and carried upon the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Atwell, Casazza, Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

**RESOLUTION 2019-1112-120 APPROVING SUBMISSION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WEST RIVER ROAD CURB AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS-PHASE 4 PROJECT.**

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**2019-1112-120**

BOROUGH OF RUMSON  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**RESOLUTION**

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION  
AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE  
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR  
THE WEST RIVER ROAD CURB & SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 4 PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson is applying for funding to conduct Pedestrian Safety Improvements with the installation of new concrete curbs, sidewalks, and ADA compliant curb ramps along West River Road from First Street to Third Street; and

WHEREAS, the project will help to continue and improve the local roadway network for vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian modes of travel; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders supports the proposed project as identified in their Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Rumson formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as **MA-2020-Rumson Borough-00105** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Rumson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Rumson and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

The above Resolution was moved for adoption by Councilman Rubin. Motion seconded by Council President Atwell and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Atwell, Casazza, Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTION 2019-1112-121 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX LIEN #17-00001 REDEMPTION MONIES TO TRYSTONE CAPITAL ASSETS, LLC.**

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**2019-1112-121**

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF  
TAX LIEN #17-00001 REDEMPTION MONIES  
TO TRYSTONE CAPITAL ASSETS, LLC

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on November 30, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 28, Lot 17, also known as 3 Allen St. in Rumson, for 2016 delinquent municipal taxes and sewer charges; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #17-00001, was sold to Trystone Capital Assets, LLC for a \$7,500.00 premium; and

WHEREAS, Jason Mandia, Esq. of Stone Mandia, LLC has effected redemption of Certificate #17-00001 in the amount of \$20,844.74 on behalf of his client, Arthur Newman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to issue a check in the amount of \$28,344.74 payable to Trystone Capital Assets, LLC, PO Box 1030, Brick, NJ 08724 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #17-00001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Casazza and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Atwell, Casazza, Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

**RESOLUTION 2019-1112-122 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX LIEN #18-00003 REDEMPTION MONIES TO US BANK CUSTODIAN FOR PC7 FIRSTRUST.**

**2019-1112-122**

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF  
TAX LIEN #18-00003 REDEMPTION MONIES  
TO US BANK CUSTODIAN  
FOR PC7 FIRSTRUST**

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on November 29, 2018, a lien was sold on Block 123, Lot 7, also known as 4 Pompano Road in Rumson, for 2017 delinquent municipal sewer charges; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #18-00003, was sold to US BANK CUSTODIAN FOR PC7 FIRSTRUST, at an interest rate of 18% per annum; and

WHEREAS, SN Servicing Corporation has effected redemption of Certificate #18-00003 in the amount of \$1,453.07.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to issue a check in the amount of \$1,453.07 payable to US Bank Custodian for PC7 Firstrust, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #18-00003; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Casazza and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Atwell, Casazza, Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

In the negative:       None.

Absent:               None.

**RESOLUTION 2019-1112-123 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX LIEN #18-00004 REDEMPTION MONIES TO US BANK CUSTODIAN FOR PC7 FIRSTRUST.**

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**2019-1112-123**

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF  
TAX LIEN #18-00004 REDEMPTION MONIES  
TO US BANK CUSTODIAN  
FOR PC7 FIRSTRUST

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on November 29, 2018, a lien was sold on Block 140, Lot 2, also known as 25 Washington Ave. in Rumson, for 2017 delinquent municipal sewer charges; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #18-00004, was sold to US BANK CUSTODIAN FOR PC7 FIRSTRUST, at an interest rate of 18% per annum; and

WHEREAS, the new property owner, Jersey Property Group, LLC has effected redemption of Certificate #18-00004 in the amount of \$1,452.77.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to issue a check in the amount of \$1,452.77 payable to US Bank Custodian for PC7 Firstrust, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #18-00004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Casazza and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative:   Atwell, Casazza, Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

In the negative:       None.

Absent:               None.

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):**

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Councilman Casazza offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

Vendor	Amount
MONMOUTH COUNTY SPCA	\$ 118.85
NJ DEPT HEALTH/SR SERVICES	\$ 1.20
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND	\$ 120.05
TODD BALESTRO	\$ 693.06
PMC ASSOCIATES	\$ 102,737.77
PMC ASSOCIATES	\$ 2,074.83
PUMPING SERVICES INC	\$ 5,032.00
S. BROTHERS, INC.	\$ 198,950.88
S. BROTHERS, INC.	\$ 409,231.97
T & M ASSOCIATES	\$ 251.50

WARSHAUER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	\$	591.77
WARSHAUER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	\$	543.07
<i>CAPITAL FUND</i>	\$	<i>720,106.85</i>
CLARKE CATON HINTZ P.C.	\$	1,223.03
<i>COAH TRUST FUND</i>	\$	<i>1,223.03</i>
ANDREW & MARY DAWSON	\$	5,095.70
ABB INC.	\$	1,143.90
ALLIED OIL, LLC	\$	2,979.85
ALLIED OIL, LLC	\$	5,480.88
AMERICANWEAR INDUST UNIFORMS	\$	948.45
AMERICAN RED CROSS	\$	60.00
A.R. COMMUNICATIONS	\$	205.50
IDSAUTOSHRED NJ	\$	700.00
BARGER & GAINES	\$	2,000.00
MICHAEL BERGER	\$	106.39
BOB'S UNIFORM SHOP	\$	184.95
BOB'S UNIFORM SHOP	\$	458.45
BOB'S UNIFORM SHOP	\$	350.00
BRENNAN'S OF RUMSON LLC	\$	137.45
CIRCLE CHEVROLET INC	\$	57.13
CLARKE CATON HINTZ P.C.	\$	140.00
COMCAST	\$	2,148.60
CONNER STRONG & BUCKELEW	\$	16,261.00
MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER	\$	2,182,576.70
MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER	\$	157,613.32
MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER	\$	261,994.77
CROSS OVER NETWORKS	\$	7,545.08
CROSS OVER NETWORKS	\$	74.90
CROWN TIRE	\$	299.95
THOMAS & MEGAN CULLUM	\$	3,241.60
DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	\$	112.18
DRAEGER,INC	\$	179.00
EAGLE POINT GUN	\$	1,066.32
EAGLE POINT GUN	\$	271.44
EAGLE POINT GUN	\$	3,622.08
ELITE EQUIPMENT SERVICES	\$	1,252.50
ELITE EQUIPMENT SERVICES	\$	2,300.00
EMERGENCY ACCESSORIES &	\$	75.00
FAIR HAVEN HARDWARE INC	\$	38.33
FAIR HAVEN HARDWARE INC	\$	11.68
GLENCO SUPPLY INC.	\$	252.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	\$	53.44
HOWELL GUN WORKS	\$	140.97
IVYREHAB NETWORK,INC	\$	260.00
JCP&L	\$	3,926.06
LANIGAN ASSOCIATES, INC	\$	60.00
LAWES	\$	121.35
LIFE SAVERS INC.	\$	245.96
MAGLOCLIN	\$	400.00
MAZZA RECYCLING SERVICES, LTD	\$	94.00
DANIEL McCARREN	\$	13,977.54
MONMOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL	\$	22.00

MID-ATLANTIC TRUCK CENTRE INC	\$	1,163.04
MONMOUTH COUNTY TAX ADMIN.	\$	981.71
MONMOUTH HOSE & HYDRAULICS	\$	88.52
MONMOUTH HOSE & HYDRAULICS	\$	132.51
SEAN & MARION MORAN	\$	33,135.85
MR JOHN INC	\$	423.25
NAYLOR'S AUTO PARTS	\$	176.59
NEOPOST USA INC	\$	96.70
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER	\$	9,568.00
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER	\$	4,894.35
NJ FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	\$	633.60
NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	\$	221.34
NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	\$	490.05
STATE OF NJ PENSIONS/ACTIVE	\$	87,162.02
STATE OF NJ PENSIONS/RETIREE	\$	28,290.38
OSWALD ENTERPRISES, INC.	\$	1,795.00
PEP EXPRESS PARTS	\$	339.85
PEP EXPRESS PARTS	\$	112.89
REALTY APPRAISAL COMPANY	\$	0
REALTY APPRAISAL COMPANY	\$	0
RICOH USA, INC.	\$	508.65
RILEIGHS OUTDOOR DECOR	\$	156.00
RUMSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIST	\$	3,596,123.83
RFH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	\$	2,777,063.41
TONY SANCHEZ LTD	\$	896.09
SIP'S PAINT & HARDWARE	\$	160.44
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	\$	359.76
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	\$	423.96
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	\$	464.09
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	\$	137.47
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	\$	1,315.03
STORR TRACTOR CO	\$	84.69
JEFFREY R SURENIAN & ASSO. LLC	\$	3,415.42
TARGETED TECHNOLOGIES LLC	\$	1,135.45
TRAFFIC SAFETY SERVICES	\$	988.10
TRANE	\$	3,699.00
TRYSTONE CAPITAL ASSETS, LLC	\$	28,344.74
US BANK CUST FOR PC7 FIRSTTRUST	\$	1,453.07
US BANK CUST FOR PC7 FIRSTTRUST	\$	0
VERIZON	\$	37.00
VERIZON	\$	363.92
VERIZON	\$	48.65
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$	90.98
VNA HEALTH GROUP OF CJ, INC	\$	250.00
GEORGE WALL LINCOLN	\$	1,325.75
GEORGE WALL LINCOLN	\$	85.32
WATCHUNG SPRING WATER CO.	\$	67.39
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	\$	134.00
US BANK CUST FOR PC7 FIRSTTRUST	\$	1,452.77
<i>CURRENT FUND</i>	\$	<i>9,270,577.05</i>
SEA BRIGHT PARTNERSHIP INC	\$	120.00
ANN'S PARTY RENTALS	\$	643.25
BARGER & GAINES	\$	55.50

EMERGENCY ACCESSORIES &	\$	1,122.00
SICILIANO LANDSCAPE CO LLC	\$	450.00
<i>RUMSON ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.</i>	\$	2,390.75
ANTHEM SPORTS,LLC	\$	86.67
JACK BENEDETTO	\$	180.00
WILLIAM BEYER	\$	530.00
AUDREY BEYER	\$	450.00
WILLIAM CARR	\$	100.00
COLE CASHION	\$	200.00
CALLAHAN PETER CHAMPEAU	\$	100.00
CONCEPT2, INC.	\$	5,725.00
RYAN CRODDICK	\$	150.00
DARREN SPURRIER PROFESSIONAL	\$	23,400.00
MATTHEW FERNANDEZ	\$	175.00
GOAL TO GOAL,LLC	\$	3,700.00
LAEF GOLDEN	\$	140.00
SOPHIA G HONNOLD	\$	350.00
MICHAEL INGRASSIA	\$	225.00
ISABELLA INGRASSIA	\$	70.00
LUKE JAMIN	\$	160.00
LEAGUE APPS	\$	1,906.90
JACK MCCARREN	\$	140.00
MURPHY MCCARTY	\$	200.00
CAROLINE MONTALBANO	\$	480.00
NATIONAL CENTER FOR SAFETY	\$	140.00
ORIENTAL TRADING COMPANY, INC.	\$	423.73
MARK OSMULSKI	\$	1,570.00
TRISCHELE PETACH	\$	275.00
NICHOLAS RAMONDO	\$	65.00
RARITAN BAY MARINE	\$	491.00
HARRISON ROSEN	\$	140.00
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY,DEPARTMENT	\$	1,000.00
SICKLES MARKET	\$	362.73
SIP'S PAINT & HARDWARE	\$	779.88
SIP'S PAINT & HARDWARE	\$	20.96
HENRI SNODGRASS	\$	475.00
PAUL MICHAEL SPERBER,JR	\$	160.00
OWEN B SULLIVAN	\$	240.00
JACK SULLIVAN	\$	200.00
JOHN PATRICK THOMAS II	\$	140.00
TRAFFIC PLAN	\$	1,700.00
DREW VENANCIO	\$	100.00
NEIL WARAR	\$	290.00
DONNA WARAR	\$	175.00
<i>RECREATION TRUST</i>	\$	47,216.87
NJ DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	\$	578.89
<i>UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST NEW</i>	\$	578.89
<i>ANIMAL CONTROL FUND</i>	\$	120.05
<i>CAPITAL FUND</i>	\$	720,106.85
<i>COAH TRUST FUND</i>	\$	1,223.03
<i>CURRENT FUND</i>	\$	9,270,577.05



<i>RUMSON ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.</i>	\$	2,390.75
<i>RECREATION TRUST</i>	\$	47,216.87
<i>UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST NEW</i>	\$	578.89

<b><i>Total of All Funds</i></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><i>10,042,213.49</i></b>
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Resolution seconded by Councilman Rubin and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative:     Atwell, Casazza, Conklin, Kingsbery, Rubin and Swikart.

In the negative:         None.

Absent:                   None.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

Mayor Hemphill afforded the members of the Council an opportunity to be heard at this time.

Councilman Casazza shared a recent conversation he had with Chief Scott Paterson regarding the new initiative for the town involving locks for residential homes which will be utilized in emergency situations. The Chief is in favor of the program, as it will provide a better response time for an officer’s ability to gain entry and assist in an emergency, particularly for the senior citizens in the Borough. The new system will allow for a key to be kept in a Master lock at the residence and the Police Department will have a combination to the lock, which has been provided by the homeowner.

When all program details are final, information on the Master locks will be sent out to residents. Councilman Casazza feels the two locks chosen are affordable but in circumstances where residents are not able to afford a lock, he would like to see the Borough provide these at no cost to those individuals.

The Mayor thanked the Councilman for taking the lead on this project and for putting in the time to conduct the research.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Hemphill afforded the public an opportunity to be heard at this time.

Nancy Haaren of 34 Warren Street approached the Council to voice her concerns regarding plans for the new field station behind Borough Hall. She felt there was a large duplication of efforts when it came to local facilities and organizations focused on the research and studies of the rivers, ocean and estuaries. Her understanding of the project was that it would provide the same experiences and information as programs with the Littoral Society, MAST, NOAA and the Sea Grant Consortium.

Mayor Hemphill explained how the Borough was approached by the Monmouth University Science Department with the idea of the field station as a place to conduct their program research and house their curriculum. The Borough was very receptive to the idea, especially since the Rumson schoolchildren would benefit from having this facility in their own neighborhood. The children will be learning more about their environment with the help of the University’s research and teachings. The Mayor stated the field station will impact and benefit our children greatly.

Councilman Casazza addressed Ms. Haaren and told her he had originally shared her concerns. However, after becoming informed of the University’s plan to differentiate themselves as a small school with a focus on the educational process revolving around the study of our rivers and ocean, he became very excited about the project. He was then very happy that the University had approached the Borough with the idea of giving our children a classroom on the water and is thrilled that the funding for this project will not come from the taxpayers.

Borough Administrator Thomas Rogers offered to have a representative from Monmouth University reach out to Ms. Haaren in order to address any further concerns.

Ms. Haaren then shared her concerns about a recent event on her street wherein a tractor trailer had been parked at a residence for an extended amount of time to house the contents of a home temporarily. She felt that Borough representatives should have handled the situation accordingly within an appropriate timeframe. The trailer was eventually moved, however, the situation has caused strife amongst the neighbors and she would have preferred that the town handle the matter so that none of the neighbors had to be “the bad guy” and call Code Enforcement.

The Mayor stated that Code Enforcement should always be called in those situations as permits for the trailer or special circumstances could have been the case and the Department could have informed the concerned neighbors of the status.

Ms. Haaren felt it was the responsibility of the town to report these situations as the employees driving through take notice in neighborhoods.

Councilman Conklin explained to her that someone has to call in to Code Enforcement when concerned. It certainly can’t be the responsibility of town employees to report all of these things as they are driving through. They do when they see them, but it is impossible to have that expectation. Residents need to call when concerned.

Lastly, Councilman Conklin wanted to share that the Monmouth University presentation he attended as part of the Two River Seminar Series was one of the best presentations he had seen in a very long time and he encouraged Ms. Haaren to attend the next one.

Stu Sendell of 7D Lafayette Street approached the Council to discuss his previous career in the mortgage banking industry and a lesson he learned in regard to planning ahead. He shared a story about City Federal Savings & Loan’s adjustable rate mortgages and how their servicing department was not notified of the loan terms/conditions which resulted in four to five years without rate changes, notices to borrowers, etc. and eventually caused the demise of the institution.

Mr. Sendell then shared insight from a recent phone call he had taken part in with large law firms to discuss the current situation with the affordable housing units in Morris County. The affordable housing units he had helped with thirty years ago in Morris County were now a problem as no one had anticipated the fact that they would eventually turn to market rate units and the town would have to go back and replace all the units. Now they are increasing maintenance fees on the units (up to market rate) which people can’t afford. Also, the towns missed the legal requirements needed to file the project extensions past thirty years. So Mr. Sendell made the suggestion that while the Borough of Rumson is setting up their new affordable housing plan, they should look ahead so that these things do not happen in Rumson.

Lastly, Mr. Sendell noted that he is flabbergasted recently due to Republicans and Democrats “flip-flopping” over issues in the State. He was shocked by a recent comment Governor Murphy made wherein he noted “if you don’t like high taxes, you probably shouldn’t be in New Jersey.” Mr. Sendell feels the two political parties are almost passing each other on their opinions. He then noted that he had suggested early on when he began coming to the Council meetings that having two police departments for Rumson and Fair Haven does not make sense, nor does having three school districts. He feels the political realities have changed and residents may feel differently in regard to these things. Mr. Sendell suggests some type of informal review of these issues may be in order. He stated that Princeton and Princeton Township have done this. Mr. Sendell does not feel that three superintendents and three overheads makes sense. He also commented that with Fair Haven building a new town hall and police department, he believes things are starting to “snowball”. He believes if another look is taken at these issues now, there will be a different audience opinion.

The Borough Administrator shared that ten years ago, he and former Councilman Frank Shanley went to Trenton to discuss the school systems and the State School Board would not see them. They were told it was a legislative issue and were sent on their way. Further, he noted that

as a regional school system, Rumson residents pay 70% of the high school funding and that is a State law based on the value of the town. If Rumson were to absorb the Fair Haven school districts, then Rumson residents would end up paying 70% to educate the students in Fair Haven and after recalculations are completed, property taxes in Rumson would increase and property taxes in Fair Haven would decrease.

Mr. Sendell suggests taking a look at the issue from the standpoint of legislation that could eventually change.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Sendell for his comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Swikart, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas S. Rogers, R.M.C.  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator